(c) and (d) One of the suggestions made by the Committee in its first meeting was to undertake a mid decade assessment of progress towards the EFA goals, focusing mainly on the three aspects of (i) Policy and Governance Framework (ii) Implementation Strategies and Resource Development (iii) Delivered curricula and learning outcomes.

Teaching staff of engineering colleges

131. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of acute shortage of qualified teaching staff in higher educational institutions particularly in rural engineering colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the findings of All India Council for Technical Education in this regard;

(d) whether Government have laid down any regulations/guidelines for private self-financing colleges and institutions, to recruit adequate number of qualified teaching staff for the courses and programmes offered to the students; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) According to the AICTE, there is a shortage of faculty in engineering colleges in certain disciplines of engineering and technology such as Mechanical, Civil, Chemical EIectrical, Electronics, Computer and IT and Textile.

(d) and (e) Norms and Standards prescribed by AICTE require that the technical institutes conform to faculty student ratio and faculty cadre ratio. The guidelines for requirement of technical faculty are specified in the AICTE approval process which *inter-alia* prescribes a student to faculty ratio at 1:15 and a Professor to Assistant Professor to Lecturer ratio of 1:2:6.

Security cover to Institutes of Excellence

132. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had asked the Ministry of Home Affairs to provide CISF cover to all the institutions of national importance, including

IIMs, NTs and various research institutions in the wake of the terrorist attack at the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore recently;

(b) if so, the details of the security cover provided to each institution State-wise;

(c) whether Government would incur more expenditure for this purpose;

(d) if so, the funds allocated for the purpose during the current year;

(e) whether there is any urgent need to take a fresh look at security for premier institutions; and

(f) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (f) In view of the unfortunate incident of firing on 28.12.2005 resulting in loss of life and injuries to many at Indian Institute of Science (lISc), Bangalore, various institutions were asked to review the existing security arrangements in their campuses in consultation with the District Administration including Police authorities to seek their advice and to take necessary precautions.

Criticism of primary education and SSA

†133. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a report captioned "Buniyadi Shiksha ka Sarvekshan" has exposed the efforts made by Government in primary education sector;

(b) whether it is also a fact that "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan" has failed in achieving its objective;

(c) if so, Government's reaction on the said report and the State-wise details of achievements made with regard to Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(d) whether it is also a fact that thousands of schools are without roofs despite spending crores of rupees under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.